

July 2, 2009

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve ATTN: Public Comment 145 Water Street Alpena, MI 49707

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written from the Rogers City Area Chamber of Commerce in the full support of the re-proposal for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve to the State of Michigan that the sanctuary designation be continued.

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve is an asset to Rogers City. Although the sanctuary boundary does not extend to our waters the tourism it attracts boosts our economic status.

The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve is a vital entity in preserving the history of our area. The numerous programs educate and inform local citizens and tourists alike about our past.

The Rogers City Area Chamber of Commerce strongly encourages the State of Michigan to continue the sanctuary's designation.

Very Truly Yours,

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